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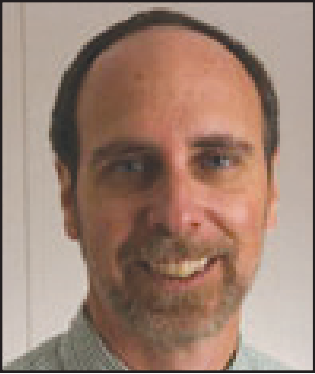
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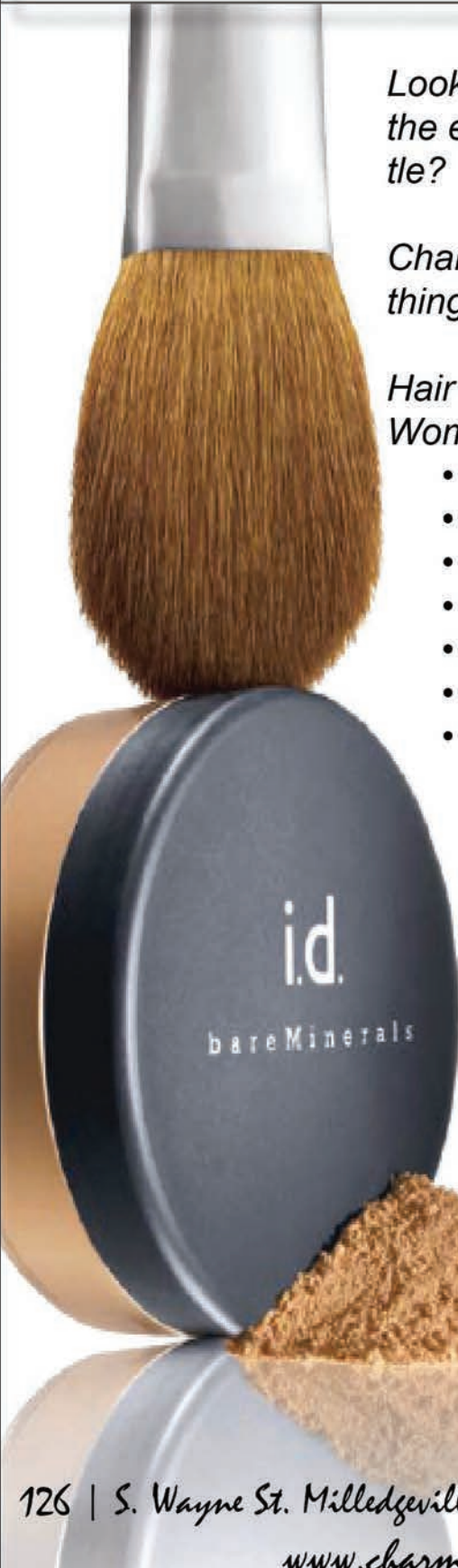
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WEEK OF WELCOME

Thursday, August 13

8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
12:30 p.m.- 3 p.m.
7 p.m.- 11 p.m.

Move In
Registration/Orientation, A&S Auditorium
Bobcat Bash, Centennial Center

Friday, August 14

9 a.m.- 11 p.m.
1 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business, University Offices
Circle Meetings,
A&S Classrooms and Russell Auditorium
Resident Students' Meeting, Residence Halls
7:45 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
9 p.m.- Until
Freshman Convocation, Front Campus
Hypnotist Justin James, Russell Auditorium

Saturday, August 15

10 a.m.- 12 p.m.
12 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.
1 p.m.-5 p.m.
7 p.m.- 9 p.m.
9 p.m.- Midnight

Bobcat Beginnings, Russell and A&S Auditorium
Community Celebration, Front Campus
Unfinished Business, University Offices
"Can I Kiss You?", Russell and A&S Auditorium
SAC Extravaganza, Student Activities Center

Sunday, August 16

10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
2 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Special Brunch, MSU Dining Hall
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament/Open Swimming,
Centennial Center/ Centennial Center Pool

5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The Picture Perfect Picnic,
Courtyard of Foundation & Parkhurst

Dusk- Until

Big Screen Movie Night
Courtyard of Foundation & Parkhurst

Monday, August 17

7:45 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Lemonade Brigade,
A & S Fountain/ MSU Shuttle Stop

8:45 a.m.- 4 p.m.
2 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Poster Sale, A & S Fountain
Open Swimming, Centennial Center Pool

Tuesday, August 18

7:45 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Lemonade Brigade,
A & S Fountain/ MSU Shuttle Stop

8:45 a.m.- 4 p.m.
2 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Poster Sale, A & S Fountain
Open Swimming, Centennial Center Pool

Health Services offer their help

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

It goes without saying, that to succeed academically, you need to stay physically healthy. As you begin your exciting journey at college, you will face many opportunities for networking, socializing and living with others. You will also be enjoying newly-found freedoms and will be making independent decisions. The choices you make can affect your health for the rest of your life.

Make wise choices when it comes to personal habits and behaviors. Remember the basics you have probably heard all your life... these never change.

•Don't drink or eat after someone.

•Cover your coughs and sneezes. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or cough into your elbow. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash.

•Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers if soap and water are not available. Hand-washing is the single most important element of preventing the spread of infection.

•Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
-If you are sick, don't share your germs
-Take a flu shot every year

•Make informed sexual choices. If you need information, come to the clinic.
Did you know:
-some of the most common sexually transmitted diseases do not go away with treatment, meaning you will have it the rest of your life?
•some sexually transmitted diseases interfere with you repro-

ductive capability? This may not seem important to you now, but it will in the future.
-some STDs cause pain?
-some STDs can eventually cause death if not properly treated?
-some STDs can be present without your knowledge?

•Make wise choices. Use protection if you choose to be sexually active. Remember, when you engage in sex with another person, it is like having sex with every person they have ever been with before.

•Don't drink to excess. Don't use illegal drugs and don't take someone else's prescription medication.

Since the H1N1 influenza scare in the spring, it is not known what type of flu season may occur this fall and winter. There is some speculation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the virus may re-emerge in a stronger version.

We will all need to do everything we can to not get or to contain the flu. Any flu is caused by a virus and is very easily spread to others. The only way to control the spread of infection with the flu is by implementing suggestions above.

The Student Health Clinic is located in Beeson Hall, between the library and Parks Memorial buildings, facing Montgomery street. We are open Mondays through Fridays, 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

You must bring your valid Bobcat card in order to be seen in the clinic. Because you pay a health fee, there is no charge for appointments and most medications are provided at no cost. There are costs associated with some lab tests and vaccines.

You do not need insurance in order to be treated at the clinic, but we strongly encourage you to have it for emergencies or if you need to be referred to another provider.

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Downtown robberies spike police interest

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO
STAFF REPORTER

In the early-morning hours of July 17, a student was reportedly robbed on the sidewalk in front of the Old Court House, near Bell Hall. GCSU students received an e-mail July 31, which gave a short description of the incident. The e-mail explained that over the summer there were two confirmed, and one unconfirmed, cases of robberies in the downtown Milledgeville area at night.

“In each case a GCSU student and/or out-of-town college-aged individuals were approached around the closing time of downtown Milledgeville clubs, and their money, wallets, and purses were demanded,” the e-mail stated. “In one of the incidents, the victim was struck in the back of the head and their cell phone was stolen.”

Sgt. Michael Baker, of the GCSU Public Safety Department, is heading the investigation of the incidents.

The latest incident “involved a student who was on his way back to his house when he was blindly struck in the back of the head.” Baker said. “It knocked him down and he dropped his cell phone.”

Public Safety does not have a clear

description of the suspects, however the student whose cell phone was stolen said one of them was a black male in his late teens. Baker said he was able to corroborate this information with a video recording and a taxicab driver’s account of the aftermath of the crime. A description of the suspects has been given to police

who patrol the area.

The description is similar to one from an incident in May in which a female student was robbed, as well as a previously unreported account of two students from another university being robbed.

Baker said he hopes the people involved in the unreported incident will

come forward with any information they may have. He suggested that the victims might be holding back information because they may have been drinking underage that night. If that was the case, Baker insisted they would not be prosecuted.

Public Safety hopes that disclosing this information will encourage students to be aware while they are downtown. According to the department, the robberies seem to be happening on Thursday nights on into Friday mornings, with apparently intoxicated persons walking on their own being targeted.

“Apparently these guys are just hanging on these deserted, dark sidewalks,” Baker said. “They’re not going into the bars or other establishments. They’re just loitering around. They seem to be working in pairs.”

Baker offers some general advice to students who are out late at night.

“You should be very aware of your surroundings,” he said. “Public Safety can’t be everywhere, so we have to depend on everyone else to do their part. Keep a watchful eye, and call us if something seems suspicious.”

Reported Crimes on Milledgeville Campus

	2006	2007	2008
Aggravated assault	1	0	0
Arrests (including traffic)	246	312	172
Burglary	4	4	3
Drug abuse violations	26	38	28
Larceny/theft	53	64	66
Liquor law violations	177	249	141
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	1
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	2	0	2
Robbery	1	1	0
Sexual offense (forcible)	1	0	0
Sexual offense (non-forceible)	0	0	2
Weapon crimes	4	5	2

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency Calls (Public Safety)	(478) 445-4400
Non Emergency Calls (Public Safety)	(478) 445-4054
Milledgeville Police Department	(478) 414-4000

GRAPHICS BY RYAN DEL CAMPO AND MATT ROGERS

S.N.A.P. returns to campus

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

The Georgia College & State University Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce that the SNAP Program, Student Night Auxiliary Patrol, was re-instated during the Spring 2009 semester. The program enables students, faculty/staff, and campus visitors to receive free escorts on and around the GCSU campus. Anyone who is on or within the immediate proximity of the GCSU campus is encouraged to call the GCSU Department of Public Safety at (478) 445-4054 and ask for a safety escort if you will be walking within the downtown area. Escorts are provided using electric golf carts. The service is free of charge and will be available most weeknights. Please feel free to call

and ask for more details.

Escorts will be provided to and from all GCSU property with the exception of The Village at West Campus. Escorts will not go west of Irwin Street, north of Thomas Street, east of Wayne Street, or south of Franklin Street.

Hours of Operation
Monday and Tuesday:
8 p.m. – Midnight
Wednesday and Thursday:
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Congratulations again on your acceptance to GCSU! We believe that you made a great decision to become a part of the Bobcat family, and we're glad you're finally here.

Members of the Enrollment Management Division, including staff members from Admissions, Financial Aid, Office of the Registrar and Center for Student Success, worked directly and indirectly with you as you were applying and preparing to attend Georgia College. Now that you are on campus, we, along with other offices in our division, are committed to helping you succeed. As you get ready to start college life, we would like to point out some important resources that can help you through your journey at Georgia College.

-Check your myCATS account daily. Important information about financial aid, registration, testing requirements, activities, and much more is posted here. This is also the place where you'll check your eCats e-mail, which you should also do every day.

-Bookmark the Academic Calendar. It is important that you know the specific dates you can make changes to your schedule, deadlines for tuition payment, fees, what day classes begin, etc.

-Make sure the Undergraduate Catalog is your first new friend at GCSU. Interested in knowing what a certain class entails? Need to know the requirements for your major? Do you have a question about academic policies and rules? You can check the catalog to find out. Check under the Academics link on the homepage to find the catalog, or visit www.gcsu.edu/registrar/catalog.htm

-Become familiar with the HOPE Scholarship GPA calculation process. The Financial Aid Office staff is your best source of information regarding this scholarship program.

-Visit the Learning Center in A&S 2-56 if you are experiencing difficulty in a certain class, or even if you want to enhance your study skills. The Learning Center offers tutoring and support for a variety of courses, and can help you develop additional strategies for success. This is a free service to any GCSU enrolled student.

-Get to know your Academic Advisor. Your advisor is committed to guiding you through your course selection and assisting you in career preparation.

-Always make sure you ask questions, and always ask for help when you need it.

Again, we are glad you are a member of the Georgia College family and we will be among your biggest fans during your time at GCSU. We hope that you'll call on us whenever we can help, and we hope you have a great first year!

-The GCSU Enrollment Management Team

Counseling Services welcomes class of 2013 to GCSU campus

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

GCSU Counseling Services is a group of licensed, or license-eligible, mental health professionals who provide free and confidential professional counseling services to the student body. Personal counseling is available for individual and group concerns such as relationships, anxiety and depression. Career counseling and assessment is also available for those trying to decide on a major or career field, and career testing is also offered. In addition, academic counseling, focusing on time management, study skills, test-taking and dealing with test anxiety is also available.

Other services offered include alcohol and drug education, including screening and referral for treatment; assistance in locating additional sources of help, both on and off campus; medication management, including part-time psychiatric services for students who wish to start medication in conjunction with counseling; consultation, such as helping others who are concerned about a student; and presentations, which can be arranged for student organizations, classes, etc.

Counseling group offerings this fall will include Women of Color, Chill Out, ADD/ADHD, and a Men's Issues group. For more information, call (478) 445-5331, drop by 132 Lanier Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, or visit www.gcsu.edu/counseling.

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How do I get involved at GCSU?

BY AMANDA BODDY
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU offers many opportunities to get involved outside of the classroom. Whether it be a club, academic program or athletic team, being a part of something on-campus is a great way of making the best out of your college experience.

-  Read The Colonnade. We are a resource for the student body providing information you need to know. Each week, we offer calendars and announcements about what's going on around campus.
-  Talk to your professors. They are in the know about clubs and opportunities you have for getting involved in, learning more about, and making connections with people in your major.
-  Play intramurals. Form a team in your residence hall or join one through an RSO's. Intramurals are a great way of being active and making friends.
-  Check Facebook. Many on-campus organizations have groups on Facebook. Join them to receive updates about club happenings.
-  Look it up. To find out more about Campus Life go to www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/index



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR			
FALL 2009			
Aug. 13	Aug. 17	Aug. 19	Aug. 21
Residence Halls open	Classes begin	Last day to add a course	Last day to drop a course
Aug. 26	Sept. 7	Oct. 7	Oct. 12-13
Refund checks available for pick-up	Labor Day holiday (no classes)	Semester Midterm	Fall Break (no classes)
Oct. 16	Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28
Last day to withdraw from a class	Graduate, priority, and seniors registration	Junior registration	Sophomore registration
Oct. 29	Nov. 25-27	Dec. 7	Dec. 8-11
Freshmen registration	Thanksgiving holidays (no classes)	Classes end	Final Exams
Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 16	Dec. 25- Jan. 1
Residence Halls close at 6 p.m.	Payment for Spring 2010 due	Grades due by 9 a.m.	Winter Break

Cut out this calendar and use it as a resource for the whole semester!

GRAPHIC BY MATT CHAMBERS



The Colonnade Presents...

Summer Photos Contest

We want your summer photos! Submit to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu by September. Winners will be printed in the Sept. 11 issue. All photos will be put online for a student vote category. First, second and third-place prizes will be awarded.



Parking and transportation services gears up for new term

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

Parking at GCSU, like any university, is a balance between convenience and accessibility. Although the spaces are there, not everyone is going to get the ones next to their halls or classes. The designations and locations of the student and employee lots did not change from last year so for 75 percent of the students this is nothing new. However for the new freshman and transfer students, there is a learning curve that will be steeper than some English literature classes.

Lot enforcement will be in full gear from the very beginning with special emphasis on fire lanes, loading zones and handicap spaces. There are two requirements to accomplish to avoid being issued a citation. The first is to register your vehicle and obtain a GCSU permit from Parking Services and secondly, park only in authorized areas allowed by your permit.



Permits have been available since the beginning of June and many of the incoming freshman have picked them up during orientation. For others, it is a simple process of logging on to my-

CATS and going to the online parking office, register, then coming by Parking Services located at West Campus to pickup your hangtag. There is no upgrade charge and all students are authorized a permit.

One of the easiest ways to steer clear of any problem, especially for commuter students, is to utilize the Irwin Street and West Campus parking lots where there are plenty of empty spaces and then use the GCSU shuttle to get to class. Shuttles depart both lots every 10 minutes throughout the day and the first stop on main campus is

the library and A&S section. So why endure the frustration of driving in circles and going from lot to lot wasting 20 minutes, only to have to park in a two-hour-limit space on the street, or complete the 400-meter dash in rainy weather, when you can park all day at these lots and the drop-off points are within feet of your vehicle.

Students can contact the Parking and Transportation Services office at (478) 445-7433(RIDE) from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. or visit www.gcsu.edu/parking or www.gcsu.edu/transportation.



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- Senator Info Session
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- Senator Application Deadline
September 4, 2009 at 5 p.m.
SGA Offices

- Campaigning Begins
September 7, 2009 at midnight



- Election Day
September 10, 2009
Via myCATS Portal

- Senate Retreat
September 12, 2009 at 9 a.m.
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- First Student Senate Session
September 16, 2009 12:30 p.m.
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Our Voice

A letter from the new
Editor in Chief

We care.
We care enough to spend what most would consider an absurd amount of time researching, interviewing, photographing and designing what is currently rubbing off on your fingertips.
We care because we expect you to care. We expect you to want to know where your tuition money goes or how many furlough days professors are required to go without pay.
My and the rest of The Colonnade staff’s job is to ensure you have a medium to find all of this information. Whether you choose to find your news via a series of rolls and clicks at GCSUnade.com or hit up one of our handy dandy newspaper racks for a print edition, I, as the editor in chief, assure you we have compiled, to the best of our ability, our campus’s news, features, opinions and sports.
Throughout the year, this section of The Colonnade will be devoted strict to our staff’s consensus opinion on a current event or subject. Take it, leave it, or keep it open in the back of your mind, but understand, this is strictly one perspective. Sometimes seeing our bylines in paper gives us big heads— so feel free to bring us down a notch. We encourage you to rebuttals.
As journalists, we strive to keep our articles fact-based and unbiased. If you ever feel like we have compromised this, I encourage you to write a letter to the editor or leave comments online. This helps us to learn— as we are a student organization— about our what many of us hope will soon become our career.

Throughout this semester, it is my goal to embrace our digital age by bulking up GCSUnade.com in anyway we can. We have added a new position, Podcast Manager, to add to our Web team in hopes to better serve you, the campus community. After all



Claire Dykes
Editor in Chief

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The Code of Conduct at GCSU

Honor Code
All students are expected to abide by the requirements of the Georgia College & State University Honor Code as it applies to all academic work at the university. Failure to abide by the Honor Code will result in serious penalties.

Matriculation Pledge: In enrolling at Georgia College & State University, I solemnly pledge that I will conduct myself in such a manner as to reflect credit on the Georgia College & State University community, and I will uphold the Honor Code of the University. If I violate this Honor Code, I will accept the imposed penalty, which may include expulsion from the University.

Preamble: Since 1942, there has been an Honor Code at Georgia College & State University. This Code is a dynamic aspect of the university which helps to define its character as an institution of higher learning in the best liberal arts tradition. Through the years, this code has given rise to an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust on the Georgia College & State University campus.

And, as a result of periodic examination and review, the Honor Code continues to grow stronger. After undergoing thoughtful study and meticulous revision during the 1998-99 academic year, today’s Honor Code reflects a renewed desire of the present student generation for an honorable community and guarantees stiff punishments for dishonorable actions.

The commitment to honor has its own rewards, but the Honor Code also brings responsibilities—a respect for the ideas, values, and property of others; a readiness to subordinate one’s own interests to the interests and well-being of the whole university community; and a dedication to abide by the rules of the university.

In order to maintain an honorable campus, student commitment is vital. This commitment begins with personal integrity, extends to the refusal to condone violation of the rules, and ends with support of an appropriate punishment for those who violate the spirit and provisions of the Honor Code. Anything short of full commitment undermines the very essence of Georgia College & State University honor. Those who engage in dishonorable behavior may be banned from the university for one or two semesters, or permanently.

Students who are unfamiliar with the concept of honor or who have a history of dishonorable behavior are urged to consider alternatives to Georgia College & State University. However, those wishing to renew themselves in the spirit of honor will be invited to join the community of Georgia College & State University by formally embracing the

Honor Code at a ceremony at the beginning of their academic careers at GCSU (the Honor Code, however, is applicable to all students who matriculate at GCSU).

The Honor Code:
It is presumed that any student who matriculates to Georgia College & State University is willing to conform to a pattern of mutual trust and honor and shall deal honorably with all members of the university community. It must be understood that it is the responsibility of each student, faculty, and staff member to preserve, nurture, and strengthen this spirit of honor.

Georgia College & State University students shall at all times refrain from and discourage all attempts at lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and vandalism. When a violation of the Honor Code is detected, a student should take steps to bring the matter to the attention of the Student Judicial Board or the Vice President and Dean of Students.

Violations Defined: “Lying” is defined as any attempt to deceive, falsify, or misrepresent the truth in any matter involving university business. University business includes but is not limited to, financial aid information, excuses for absences, statements to professors in order to reschedule tests or assignments, and responses to the queries of Public Safety officers.

“Cheating” is defined as the employment of or rendering of any illicit aid in any assigned work.

“Stealing” is defined as the appropriation of money or property belonging to another person, organization, or the university, or the borrowing of property without the knowledge of the owner.

“Plagiarism” is defined as presenting as one’s own work the words or ideas of an author or fellow student. Students should document quotes through quotation marks and footnotes or other accepted citation methods. Ignorance of these rules concerning plagiarism is not an excuse. When in doubt, students should seek clarification from the professor who made the assignment.

“Vandalism” is defined as intentional, malicious damage to university property or property belonging to others.

Penalties: The Judicial Council may, for any first offense violation of the Honor Code, impose immediate suspension for the remainder of the current semester and possibly for one additional semester (depending on the severity of the violation). If suspended in the fall, one would be suspended for the remainder of the fall semester and possibly the spring semester; if suspended in the spring, one would be suspended

for the remainder of the spring semester and possibly the following fall semester.

The normal penalty for a second Honor Code violation is immediate expulsion from the university.

Code of Conduct:
Georgia College & State University may discipline a student in nonacademic matters. This normally involves matters which occur on the GCSU campus or at GCSU-sponsored events, but may be extended to off-campus matters which could reasonably be expected to impact the GCSU community. Repeated off-campus arrests generally result in GCSU judicial charges as well as criminal charges.

All students are expected to adhere to the stipulations of the GCSU Honor Code, which addresses lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and vandalism.

All residence hall students are expected to adhere as well to the contract terms and stipulations listed in the University Housing Handbook.

Students are subject to disciplinary action for violating the following Code of Conduct:

Conduct that violates local, state, or federal laws or GCSU regulations regarding alcohol and other drugs.

Conduct that constitutes a danger to the personal safety of other members of the university community. This may include assault, attempted assault, or the threat of assault.

Conduct that obstructs, seriously impairs, attempts to obstruct or seriously impair university-run or university-authorized activities on any university property, indoors or out.

Acts which violate university provisions concerning parking, traffic, ID cards, university keys, smoking in unauthorized places, carrying firearms, unauthorized peddling, unauthorized use of sound amplifying equipment, and other acts which violate local, state or federal laws, or which violate appropriate conduct.

Intentional harassment of another person. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, threatening, intimidating, verbally abusing, impeding, telephoning, communicating electronically, following or persistently bothering or annoying. Harassment may represent but is not limited to acts based on sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap or sexual orientation.

Failing to abide by disciplinary sanctions imposed by a GCSU judicial body.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A note from President Leland

A new year at GCSU begins

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Georgia College & State University, welcome.

For our new students, we are delighted to have you as part of the Georgia College family. For our returning students, welcome back to familiar campus sights and the friendships you have already cultivated here.

The faculty and staff at Georgia College are exceptional for the many ways in which they work to make GCSU a special place for you to live and learn. Although we have not escaped the hard financial realities of the current economic recession, these individuals have redoubled their efforts to provide you with an exemplary learning environment. We look forward to having you participate as part of the solution as we seek innovative ways to continue our commitment to educational excellence despite the economic challenges we face.

Over the summer, we continued to work on completion of new classroom and teaching space. The Health Sciences Building and the Parks Nursing Building are now open for classes after significant renovation. The Campus Theatre and Bookstore project is on track and should be completed early next year. And we’ve completed a plan for a magnificent Wellness and Recreation Center on West Campus. If students decide to support this facility, construction can begin during this academic year.

As you begin the fall semester, I hope that you take pride in being a part of this remarkable university. In case you have not heard the news yet, Georgia College continues to be listed in prominent national publications as one of the very best public universities in the South and nation. Everyone contributes to this recognition, including our students through their engagement in the classroom and participation in campus life. So wear your school colors, study hard, take part in extracurricular activities and seek help and advice when you need it. This may be one of the best years of your life.

GCSU President
Dorothy Leland

Harshbarger spells out new semester

Welcome back to campus and a special welcome to the Georgia College & State University class of 2013.

For those of us who work at Georgia College, the opening of the fall semester is one of the most exciting times of the year, filled with great possibilities.

This fall will be especially exciting as representatives from across the university put the finishing touches on a plan for a new Wellness and Recreation Center at West Campus. The Wellness Center — to include an indoor pool; gyms; an exercise center with weights, cardio and group fitness facilities; a jogging track; and a new student health center as well as other wellness facilities — is slated to go in part of the large parking lot area at the entrance to West Campus. The Student Government Association will consider the adoption of a new fee to fund the 100,000-square foot facility and if that funding is approved, construction on the Wellness Center could begin in the first half of 2010. Keep an eye out for updates on the Wellness Center planning as it proceeds.

One aspect of a well-

coming, respectful culture is the opportunity to raise concerns or needs and have them heard. Toward that end, I typically pull a rocking chair out in front of Parks Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Stop by and visit when you have a chance (or come up to 206 Parks; you can find me there five days a week). I’d like to hear what’s on your mind.

It’s wonderful to see you back on campus. Have a great semester.

Cordially,
Dr. Bruce Harshbarger
Vice President for Student Affairs

The Colonnade encourages readers to express their views and opinions by sending letters to the editor at: CBX 2442; Milledgeville, Ga. 31061 or by e-mail at colonnade-letters@gcsu.edu

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- telephone number
- year of study
- major

Only your name, year of study and major will be listed.

- Unsigned letters will not be printed. Names will be withheld only under very unusual circumstances.
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- All letters become the property of The Colonnade and cannot be returned.
- We are not able to acknowledge their receipt or disposition. Letters will be printed at the discretion of the Editor in Chief.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Did you take summer classes?

Yes, summer is the best time to take classes
22%

Yes, I need the hours
43%

No, the classes I need aren't offered
11%

No, I wasn't in town
25%

Next week's question:

Do you know where your tuition money is going?

- Yes, I've seen the budget
- No, I trust the school to decide
- I have a general idea

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Have more to say? Let us know with a letter to the editor! Send it to Colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu.

What changes are you looking to see this semester at GCSU?

"I want more days off."

Allen Luton, graduate student, STET

"I'd love to see the whole campus become more aware of the opportunities the school offers."

Claire Dykes, senior, mass communication

"I would like to see our school make more of an effort to recycle and be more aware of our waste."

Mandy Boddy, junior, mass communication

"I want the green fee to actually pass this year."

Matt Chambers, junior, mass communication

"Please allow me to graduate. They should just wave the 15 hours I have left."

Preston, senior, mass communication

Reported by Lissa Speer

The Litter Box

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Assistants need love too.

I hate how Finacial Aid and The Business office act like they don't work in the same building. Is it really that hard to communicate between 20 feet?

What is with all the f***ing tour groups in the summer???? They never get out of my way on the way to class.

If you send your vent on twitter...that is not very anonymous is it?

Sup cutie?

Welcome to the thunderdome, freshmen.

Do not throw dance parties after karaoke at Buff.

I don't give a bleep about your tiny bat.

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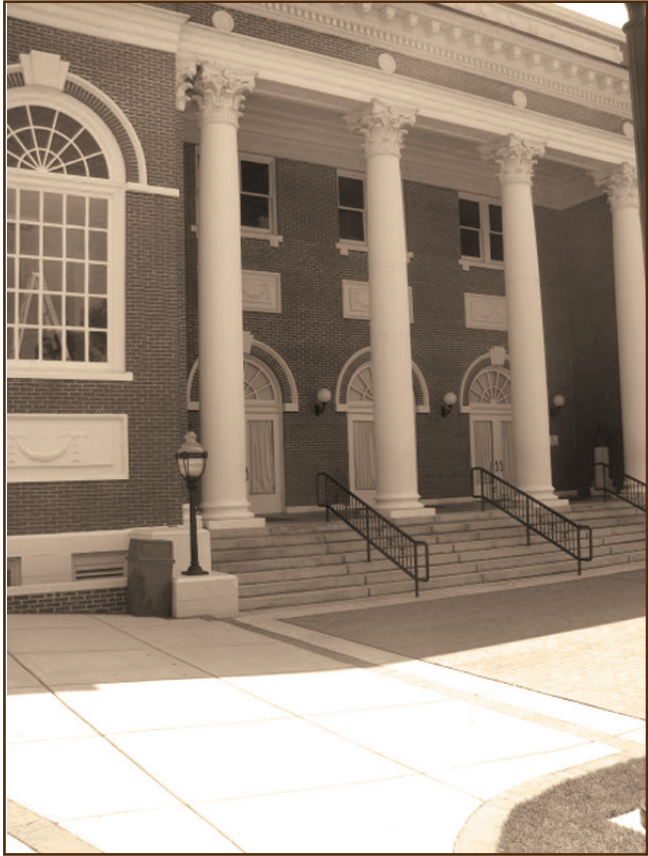
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GCSU LEGENDS AND ODDITIES

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU has a rich history and plenty of interesting sites around campus that are sometimes overlooked. In addition to things of historic significance, there are some things on campus that are just plain unexplained. Some of these things are about to be made clear, with some help from history professor and campus historian Dr. Bob Wilson.



THE GARDEN BETWEEN LANIER AND PARKS HALLS

This garden dates back to the 1930s, and was the site of a building that burned down in 1924. This building was called the Main Building, and it was the first building built on campus. Before the school acquired the land where the campus now stands, a state penitentiary sat on the grounds. This building was built in 1891, and held most of the classrooms and a small auditorium. The cause of the fire is unknown. “It almost burned down Parks Hall ... you can still see scorch marks on the back of Parks that relate to that fire. It’s the only ... major fire that the college has ever had,” Wilson said. Inside the garden’s hedges sits a fountain and a stone with G N & I College 1907 inscribed on it. The stone was part of the original Chappell Hall, which was torn down in the 1960s. The entrance to the garden holds the cornerstone (see inset), which was still preserved from the 1890s, listing the board of directors and the architect who designed the building.

RUSSELL AUDITORIUM

One of the first events held there when it was built in 1926 was the memorial service for the president, Marvin Parks, who had died suddenly. “Some people claim to have seen a figure in one of the upstairs windows of a woman dressed in Victorian clothes,” Wilson said. “One time in my musings about this, I thought, ‘Well, if there is a female ghost of Russell, maybe that’s Cookie too, because she was in so many plays. Maybe she haunts two places.’”

SAGA

Technically, the dining hall is called Sodexo, but students have called it Saga for years. The name Saga is derived from the previous company that ran the dining hall, which passed into Sodexo’s hands in the 1990s. “It’s one of those things that just gets passed on down among students. It’s not a consciously shaped tradition, it’s just a tradition that has survived on a student level,” Wilson said.

Plenty of other campus buildings have interesting histories. Check out the story of the Harrison House at GCSUNADE.COM



HERTY MEMORIAL

Between two pine trees on Front Campus sits a stone commemorating Charles Holmes Herty, whose childhood home once sat on the campus grounds. “It would have been an odd place to grow up, because in those years the penitentiary was still there, so it was in the front yard of the penitentiary — not your prime piece of real estate,” Wilson said. Herty was a well-known chemist, whose main contribution was the Herty cup, which allowed people to harvest turpentine from pine trees without killing the tree. He also developed methods of using pine trees to make newsprint. Outside the scientific realm, he also had an interest in athletics. He taught at the University of Georgia, and helped found the Georgia Bulldogs. In 1954, GCSU built Herty Hall, which is named after him.

THE GHOST OF SANFORD

A ghost is rumored to haunt Sanford Hall. In 1952, Betty Jean Cook, affectionately known as “Cookie,” lived there. She was a senior biology major, and was active in theatre. She was found in the third floor of Sanford, and taken to the hospital, where she later died. “Ever since, there have been stories about phenomena in Sanford, people who lived underneath her room hear sounds, people talked about cold spots. A girl who lived there ... said she saw a ghost outside the window,” Wilson said.

PHOTOS BY SARAH GIARRATANA / STAFF REPORTER

Get involved: How to make GCSU home away from home

BY SARAH GIARRATANA
STAFF REPORTER

Walking into a new life, armed only with plastic containers of neatly packed possessions, new students face the challenge of turning GCSU into a home away from home. When freshmen flood the residence halls, they are given a bed, shelf, desk, dresser and chair. But, turning a new college into a home involves more than furniture or dorm decorations. Students of every year face this challenge and students at GCSU differ in their opinions of how to adjust to life on campus. Some students believe living in residence halls as freshmen ultimately benefits them. “Living in a residence hall is, in my opinion, incredibly important for freshmen,” sophomore Ellie Ebert said. “Sure, it sucks not having a kitchen, but I think that I wouldn’t have survived my first year in college without the help of my roommate and friends I made in Parkhurst (Hall) and Foundation (Hall).” Many students find comfort in the social experience of group housing. “(Residence halls) create so many social and academic connections that will last the rest of your time in campus,” sophomore Josh Davis said. Though many opportunities to meet people happen in the residence halls, GCSU provides many clubs and organizations to join that will help new students start their new lives at GCSU. “Get involved,” sophomore Ryan Nichols said. “I enjoyed meeting a lot of people and starting lifelong



FILE PHOTO
Foosball is just one of the activities available at the Den, located below Magnolia Ballroom.

friendships.” From going Greek to joining Venture Out, there are many opportunities for students to meet, greet and join a group of people that share their passions. For those interested in community service, the G.I.V.E. Center helps students help others by providing valuable programs that benefit the Milledgeville community. The Student Activities Center, located just under

Magnolia Ballroom, offers information about clubs and activities that provide a positive way for students to adjust to life on campus. While looking up organizations, the center offers video games, board games, pool and massage chairs for students to enjoy. Some students also highlighted the importance of staying active and healthy while at GCSU. The student gym on campus, called the Wellness Depot due to its location in an old train station, offers a wide variety of exercise equipment and personal trainers. “A few of the guys on my hall would go with me to work out at the Depot three or four days a week,” Davis said. “We would also get together and play Ultimate Frisbee or football, or go swimming to stay active.” Nichols also encourages other students to use the gym and be active by playing intramural sports like soccer, softball and Ultimate Frisbee. Intramural teams are generally organized by residence hall, sorority or fraternity and the sports offered change with the seasons. Students interested in playing can ask their residential adviser or hall director to start or join a team. “Get to know your R.A.,” Nichols said. “And be open to meeting new people.” So whether going Greek, joining a club or just relaxing in a residence hall, there are opportunities for new students to make GCSU and Milledgeville a home away from home. “Get out and find stuff to do and meet as many people as possible,” Davis said. “Many of the people you meet in the first week will become friends in the future.”

Spotlight

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN



Having fun on the weekends

After surviving the first week of classes, most students are ready to kick back for the weekend and enjoy college life, but with all the mounting assignments it can seem like college can be nothing but work. Well, it’s true, college is a lot of work, but that’s not to say college is all work and no play. The weekends at GCSU are filled with a variety of activities that can help to de-stress, relax and take students’ minds off school for a brief moment. The weekend is a time to really enjoy college life and become comfortable living on your own.

Don’t go home.

Obviously, parents will inevitably want their offspring to return at some point, but if students go home too often they forgo the college experience. Initially, everyone fights that homesick feeling, but students are generally less likely to meet someone new at home, and by the time they get back they may have missed out on a lot of what makes college so much fun.

Don’t stay in your dorm room for the whole weekend.

That isolation can lead to boredom. Instead, another option can be to wander down to the hall common room to try to make some new friends. Chances are, other people in the residence hall will also be looking for something to do too.

Venture out.

Activities close to campus include heading down to The Greenway for bike riding and swimming. Local campsites near Lake Sinclair can also make for a great weekend out, and a day trip to Macon might provide a nice distraction from dorm life. Front Campus is also usually buzzing with some type of activity. Throwing a poolside party is another great way to have fun, as is hosting a movie night with some friends.

Get to know your surroundings.

Take a day to explore downtown. Blackbird Coffeehouse is full of friendly faces, good coffee, and other events such as acoustic night, improv night and poetry night. It’s a great way to wake up in the morning or unwind after a day out. In addition, you can try Scoops ice cream shop for a cone or some sweets, take in a show, grab dinner at any of the restaurants in town or visit Capitol City for a bit of late-night dancing.

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra — ‘Two hours of endless mayhem’

BY CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

I walked into “G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra” knowing that it would either be the worst movie of the year, or a surprisingly decent action movie. The harsher critics will probably have a block party over who can ridicule it the most, but going in with mediocre expectations, I can honestly say that this movie isn’t quite as big a train wreck as people may expect. It’s not great, it’s not pathetic, it is what it is ... just silly and stupid action. The result probably would’ve been the same if it were animated like the originals, but what’s unfortunate about that idea is that this is absolutely nothing like the cartoons.

I never followed the original story or concept of G.I. Joe, but I don’t feel guilty in admitting it because this movie clearly does not exist for any sake other than its own. Rather than be reminded of where it came from years ago, I found myself recalling other action movies like “Mission Impossible” and then some comic book movies like the “X-Men.” I guess that is okay, but in two hours of endless mayhem, I began to realize that this film is too heavily inspired by its genre, and would rather play around with it instead of trying to better it.

If you want to call it a serious plot, all you’d have to do is read the film’s subtitle. For those who don’t know, Cobra is not a person (although it would be a cool name), but an organization of high tech weaponry in the future, and it is led by “The Doctor” (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). Their purpose (as we’d expect) is world destruction and chaos, and the only thing standing in their way is an elite team of soldiers known as G.I. Joe.

So, like any other action figure based story, you’ve got the good guys and the bad guys both armed with an assortment of super weapons (which are actually kind of cool at certain parts here), and once they’ve established their place in the movie, it is then our job to shut off all sense of reality and



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GRADE: C+

just let them have fun. It’s like playing a video game without actually having to play it.

Knowing the record of fun adventures that director Stephen Sommers has accumulated throughout his career, it is somewhat forgivable to let this film off the hook a bit for being so dim-witted; especially when Brendan Fraser appears in a cross-over cameo from “The Mummy.” The biggest pleasure, however, is the globe-trotting atmosphere that encompasses many of the action sequences. One minute we’re in an Egyptian desert, then before you know it, we’re in the vicinity of the polar ice caps. Several of these settings might look a little familiar to “The Mummy” crowd, but even when the action feels repetitive, Sommers still maintains a good variety on where it occurs; even if we’re never clear as to how or why it went there to begin with.

Everyone knows that you can rarely discover true talent in an all-out action movie, and this film is a prime example of one that “uses” its actors to the

point where they have no real purpose other than to wear costumes and hold up guns so they look badass. I guess it’s a good thing nobody in the cast is supremely famous, but if Channing Tatum wants to get better work in the future, he’ll need more than this to prove he is the real deal (assuming he ever earns such a label). Luckily Dennis Quaid has already earned that success.

Despite any mediocre presentation I ever see, my general consensus on a movie like “Rise of Cobra” is to always be fair to the initiative. Action movies don’t usually have a big priority to fulfill, but there is still such a thing as potential, and this is one film that obviously doesn’t care to use any. I credit it for doing what it wants, and having no shame in how it’s done, but if the studios are hoping to build a franchise around this highly budgeted (\$170 million) first chapter, they’ll need more than just silliness to get the job done.

It takes a full-size vehicle to build a film series, and right now “G.I. Joe” is racing with a go-kart.

Choral groups seek new voices

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The Georgia College & State University choruses are looking for a few good men and women to join one or more of three choral ensembles open to all members of the GCSU community, including students, faculty and staff. The three choruses are all available for one credit hour and are briefly described below. For more information, e-mail Dr. Jennifer Flory at Jennifer.flory@gcsu.edu, or call (478) 445-4839.

- University Chorus (UC) is a non-audition choral organization focusing on the study and performance of music of all periods and styles and is open to all members of the university community. Students who enjoy singing are encouraged to join regardless of major or music-reading skills. UC rehearses three times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in Max Noah Recital Hall.

- Women’s Ensemble (WE) is open to all female members of the university community. It is a non-audition choral organization focusing on the study and performance of music of all periods and styles, specifically for women’s voices.

All female students who enjoy singing are encouraged to join, regardless

of major or music-reading skills. WE rehearses twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2-3:15 p.m., in Max Noah Recital Hall.

- Max Noah Singers (MNS) is a choral organization made up of select singers with an emphasis on the study and performance of a variety of literature from madrigals and motets to the avant garde.

MNS is open by audition to all members of the university community. The ensemble is involved in the iPod Project, iSing, in which singers are provided with iPods for practice, evaluation and assessment. MNS will be making a performance and recruiting tour to Ohio in December. The group rehearses twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in Max Noah Recital Hall. MNS members are also required to enroll in University Chorus and commit to the group for the entire school year.

Auditions will be held this month during the first week of school. The audition consists of one solo song with accompaniment (accompanist provided). Singers will also be vocalized and asked to sight-read. New students will need to provide a letter of recommendation from a past choir director.

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Theatre department launches new season



Students perform in “The Rover,” a theater production from last spring. FILE PHOTO

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The Music and Theatre department has announced its 2009-10 season theme: Dreaming Global Justice. The entire college community is welcome to audition and freshmen have been known to get lead roles. Themes of the season will include gender rights, prison reform, a call for peace and treatment of political prisoners. Plays will include comedies, dramas and musicals that aim to entertain as well as enlighten.

The first production of the season, “The Smiles,” will be held Sept. 30. It is a courtroom drama written by Atlanta playwright Karla Jennings and directed by Iona Pendergast.

The following production, “Life is a Dream” by Spanish playwright Calderon, will be directed by Karen Berman and

is set to open Nov. 18. The play is a reverse “Rapunzel” fable in which a prince is held in a tower prison only to be saved by love. The production will be accompanied by a Symposium Celebration of Spanish and Latin American Theatre and Culture in collaboration with the Modern Foreign Languages, Art and English, Speech and Journalism departments, as well as The Big Read. The production will be part of a special outreach to the surrounding local Spanish and Latin American communities.

The spring semester will include the well-known musical “RENT,” directed by Amy Pinney, with musical director Wendy Mullen, opening Feb. 24. Also in February, Sister Helen Prejean, the author of “Dead Man Walking,” will be on campus as a guest speaker during the International Human Rights Symposium.

In March, the Music and Theatre department will bring in the famed hip-hop company of Rennie Harris. March will be capped off with the Arts & Letters Play directed by Pendergast.

Student capstones will include “Fat Pig,” by Neil LaBute and directed by Dani Pratt, and “The Beauty Queen of Leenane,” by Martin McDonagh and directed by Elisha Hodgins. The theater season concludes with The 24-Hour Plays in April, in which student writers, actors and directors have one day to write, rehearse and perform new plays.

For more information on GCSU theater productions, visit www.gcsu.edu/theatre or send an e-mail to karen.berman@gcsu.edu.

Tickets can also be purchased online at www.gcsutickets.com.

Milledgeville Players prep for ‘Annie Get Your Gun’

SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

The Milledgeville Players came into existence in 2001 following a production of “Oklahoma” sponsored by the GCSU Department of Continuing Education. That show brought together many folks from the community who discovered they shared a common interest in theater. And with that, Milledgeville’s community theater group was born.

In the years since, the Players have presented numerous musicals, comedies, and mysteries including “South Pacific,” “Guys and Dolls,” “Arsenic and Old Lace,” “Harvey,” “The Man Who Came to Dinner,” “You Can’t Take It with You,” “H.M.S. Pinafore,” “The Pajama Game” and “And Then There Were None.” In addition to major plays, the group also presents at least one murder mystery dinner each year as well as many smaller productions and cabarets.

Everyone in the central Georgia community is welcome to try out for productions put on by the MVP and Georgia College students are often involved. You do not need to be a theater major, or even have a background in theater, to try out. It is community theater and everyone is welcome.

The next production of the MVP is Irving Berlin’s “Annie Get Your Gun.” It tells the tale of Annie Oakley, the best shot around, who manages to support her younger siblings by selling the game she hunts. When she’s discovered by Buffalo Bill, he persuades her to join his Wild West Show where she quickly falls in love with shooting ace Frank

Butler. Annie soon eclipses Frank in popularity, however, and a classic battle of the sexes ensues. In addition, this version of the play, updated by Peter Stone in 1999, includes a secondary romance between the younger sister of Frank’s bothersome assistant and a boy who is part Native American.

Often considered Irving Berlin’s greatest achievement in the theater, the play features such timeless songs as “Doin’ What Comes Naturally,” “An Old Fashioned Wedding,” “Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better” and of course the song that has become something of an unofficial theme for theater: “There’s No Business Like Show Business.” The play features many Georgia College students (and former students), including Meghan Fleming as Dolly Tate, Mary-Katherine Schapp as Winnie Tate, Jeremy Skidmore as Frank Butler, Mathis Wilkens as Tommy Keeler and Robyn Eckenroth as Annie Oakley.

Performances will run from Aug. 19-23, starting at 8 p.m. each night, with a Sunday matinee on Aug. 23 starting at 2 p.m. All performances are in Russell Auditorium on the Georgia College campus. General admission is \$15. In addition, there will be an opening night reception at the Antebellum Inn at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are limited for the reception and must be purchased in advance. Call the Milledgeville Players/Bufalo Bill hotline at (478) 314-4054 to reserve tickets for the reception, any of the shows or for more information.

To find out more about being involved in future productions of the MVP, contact Dr. Tom Toney in the Biological and Environmental Sciences department at tom.toney@gcsu.edu.

Performance times:
August 19-22: 8 p.m.
August 23: 2 p.m.
Admission: \$15

Opening reception:
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Bobcat athletics best in conference

GCSU earns first Peach Belt Commissioner's Cup in school history



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GCSU president Dorothy Leland (right) and former Athletic Director Jud Damon (center) accept the Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cup.

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For the first time, Georgia College & State University has won the coveted Peach Belt Conference (PBC) Commissioner's Cup, recognizing it as the overall top athletic program in the conference. GCSU edged out Armstrong Atlantic State University for the honor.

"Winning the Commissioner's Cup is proof that you can have excellence in the classroom as well as on the field," GCSU President Dorothy Leland said. "Not only did Georgia College lead the conference in athletics, it also led the conference in the number of students

recognized for their academic success."

GCSU won the Commissioner's Cup with a total of 72 points, for a rating of .758. Second place Armstrong Atlantic State earned 62.5 points, for a .735 rating. The winner is determined by calculating the number of points possible to each school, given the number of sports they participate in, divided by the number of points earned during the year.

"The Georgia College Bobcats had an exceptionally strong year, thanks to the strong leadership of our coaching staff and the outstanding performance of our student-athletes," GCSU Athletic Director Jud Damon said. "Nine of our 10 teams made appearances in NCAA tournaments this season, and six of our seven team sports finished with winning records."

The Bobcats won the men's tennis regular-season championship and finished in the top three in women's soccer, baseball, softball and golf and were in the top half of the PBC standings in all 10 of their intercollegiate programs.

Georgia College also saw 30 of its student-athletes named to PBC Academic All-Conference teams during the 2008-09 season. Soccer had the most with nine, while men's basketball got three of the five spots on the first team, and men's golf got three of the five total slots on their all-conference team.

To be eligible for the academic all-conference team, a student-athlete must be either a starter or significant contributor, have achieved a 3.20 cumulative grade point average and completed at least one academic year at the

university.

Other recent PBC honors for Georgia College included:

1. GCSU had 110 student-athletes make the 2007-08 Peach Belt Honor Roll (earning a 3.0 or better GPA for the school year), the most of any school in the conference.
 2. Men's basketball won the first PBC Team Sportsmanship Award in men's basketball;
 3. GCSU won Coach of the Year honors in both men's basketball and men's tennis;
- "It's been a great year for our Bobcats," Leland said.

Loaded soccer squad headlines fall sports lineup

Women's Soccer

Last season: 13-3-4 (5-1-2 Peach Belt Conference, third place). Lost in first round of NCAA national tournament.

2009 should be another banner year for Bobcat soccer as Head Coach Juan Pablo Favero continues to make his mark on the program. Another solid freshman class comes in to support a balanced starting 11. The loss of forward Hayley Ferrell to graduation could prove tough on the team, as Ferrell left GCSU as the top scorer in school history, but a senior class which is arguably GCSU's best ever could take this year's team deep into the NCAA tournament. Team fitness and tough defense are the trademarks of Favero's team.



FILE PHOTO
Junior forward Kayla Emerson

Cross Country

The women's team had their best season in program history in 2008, finishing fifth at the NCAA regionals and also in the final region poll.

The men had another solid season, finishing in the top five at the Peach Belt Conference championships.

Both squads are picked third in the PBC preseason poll, which is also the finish each had at the PBC championships.

Young talent will continue to carry the cross country squads.



FILE PHOTO
Returning Bobcat runners

Golf



FILE PHOTO
Senior Niclas Johansson.

2008-09 was a huge success for GCSU golf. The squad brought home fourth in the NCAA championship tournament after crushing the field in the southeast regionals by 13 strokes. Then-junior Niclas Johansson won his first tournament in the regional, and earned an All-PBC berth along with Freshman of the Year Joe Young. Head Coach Jimmy Wilson also earned Coach of the Year honors.

With three outstanding seniors in Johansson, Francisco Bide and Pedro Lima, the Bobcats should again challenge for a national championship in 2009-10. These three plus Young give the Bobcats one of the most formidable top four in the country.

Tennis



FILE PHOTO
Senior Diane Danna.

Last year was a tale of two teams for GCSU tennis. The women struggled with a small team and a tough schedule, while the men's squad battled their way to their first-ever regular-season Peach Belt Conference championship.

Though they were upset in the conference tournament, the Bobcats came away with their best season under Head Coach Steve Barsby.

2009-10 could be a rebuilding year for both teams.

THE
SIDE
LINE

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Dear GCSU freshman sports fan,

You are lucky to not only be attending one of the best public liberal arts universities in the country, but have arrived at a great time for athletics here at GCSU. Having just captured the Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cup, the award given to the school which earns the most points each year through high rankings and championships in each sport, Bobcat athletics are primed for several more years of success. Every Bobcat team finished in the top half of the PBC last season, and had a regular-season championship courtesy of the men's tennis team.

Now I know some of you are really bummed about not having a football team, but honestly, it doesn't matter. The University of Georgia and Georgia Tech are each about an hour and a half away, so just go support your team on Saturdays. If GCSU was even able to field a football team, it would take so much away from the other sports as well. In this environment, more attention can be given to teams and athletes who normally would not get much, if any.

GCSU athletics has done an excellent job of combining Georgia high school talent with foreign athletes on most of the teams here. Brazil, Sweden and France are represented alongside players who may have gone to your high school.

My advice to you is to ignore what GCSU athletics cannot offer, and instead appreciate all that it can. Go take in a soccer game on a chilly October night under the lights on West Campus, go behind your dorm and check out the tennis team at Centennial courts in between classes, and cheer on the cross country team at their only home meet later this month.

Another thing to definitely get involved in is intramurals. If you ever played a sport growing up, chances are you miss it now. Get out there with your friends, make funny shirts, and feel like a kid again. Plus it's arguably superior to being on the college team because you get to avoid all that actual work.

Sincerely,
Your Sports Editor

THE
SHORT
STOP

Upcoming Sports

Soccer:
Aug. 16 Mercer 6 p.m.

Cross Country:
Aug. 28 Bobcat Invitational 10 a.m.

Quote of the Week

"I bought everyone watches after the last one. That was an expensive no-hitter. This one will probably be more expensive."
- Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle after his perfect game against the Rays. (ESPN.com)

Stat of the Week

10

Number of sports teams fielded at GCSU, all of which finished in the top half of the Peach Belt Conference last season.

Damon steps down as GCSU’s athletic director

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THE COLONNADE

The GCSU Department of Athletics and vice president for student affairs, Dr. Bruce Harshbarger, have announced the resignation of Bobcat director of athletics Jud Damon, effective June 5.

“I have sincerely appreciated my short time at Georgia College,” Damon said, “and have especially enjoyed the opportunity to work with such great people. I am truly grateful for the opportunity provided me here and for the support of the entire executive administration. I know further successes are on the horizon for Bobcat athletics. I wish everyone well.”

Damon was at the helm for one school year, helping the Bobcat athletics program to one of its finest seasons yet. Nine of the 10 athletic programs competed in NCAA postseason competition, with men’s tennis and men’s golf both advancing past the regional championship level.

Six of the seven team sports posted winning records, with all but one of those six finishing in the top three in the Peach Belt Conference standings. Georgia College also earned its first PBC Men’s Tennis Championship in school history.

Damon came to Georgia College from the Savannah College of Art and Design, an NAIA program in Savannah where he spent the previous eight seasons in the



Damon

same role. Prior to that, he served as director of athletics and head baseball coach at Trinity International University in Miami. Before entering the college ranks, Damon held front office positions with a pair of minor league baseball clubs.

He steps down from the post at GCSU to accept a similar position at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla.

A national search is underway for GCSU’s vacant athletic director position.

Several candidates have been interviewed and an offer is likely to be made to the top candidate next week.

Hey GCSU freshman, are you into sports but don’t know anything about Bobcat athletics? Check out assistant sports editor Sam Hunt’s podcast created especially for new GCSU students in the Bobcat Sports Weekly series.

Go to GCSUnade.com and follow the link to download the podcast.

GCSU home sporting events Fall 2009

Soccer (West Campus)

Aug. 16	Mercer	6 p.m.
First Bobcat Shootout:		
Sept. 4	Catawba	8 p.m.
Sept. 6	Florida Tech	2:30 p.m.
First Little Feet Invitational:		
Sept. 11	Lincoln Memorial	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Carson-Newman	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Barry	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	North Georgia	4 p.m.
Oct. 21	UNC Pembroke	5 p.m.
Oct. 24	Columbus State	4 p.m.
Oct. 28	USC Aiken	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	Montevallo	4 p.m.

Cross Country (West Campus)

Aug. 28	Bobcat Invitational	10 a.m.
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Tennis (Centennial Center courts)

Sept. 11-13	Men’s fall championships
Sept. 25-27	Women’s fall championships

2009-10 intramural sports dates to remember

August:

Monday Aug. 17: Classes begin
Tuesday Aug. 25: Flag Football captain’s meeting
Thursday Aug. 27: Flag Football pre-season tournament
Monday Aug. 31: Flag Football season begins

October:

Oct. 8: Flag Football ends
Oct. 21: Frisbee and Soccer captains’ meeting
Oct. 26: Soccer and Frisbee Season starts

November:

Nov. 25 – Nov. 27: Thanksgiving break

December:

Dec. 3: Frisbee and Soccer ends
Dec. 7: Classes end

January:

Jan 20: Basketball captain’s meeting
Jan. 25: Basketball begins

March:

March 4: Basketball ends
March 10: Softball captains’ meeting
March 15: Softball begins
March 22 – March 26: Spring Break

April:

April 29: Softball ends

May:

May 3: Classes end

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July 22nd

At approximately 12:18 a.m. Cadet Ransom observed 2 males exit a vehicle, walk on Hancock Street behind the trolley and urinate. Contact was made with the two students. It was determined that both were under the influence of alcohol and under the age of 21. When tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000, the driver registered .176 and his passenger registered .115. Both subjects were arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD. The driver was charged with DUI Under 21, and the passenger was charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LAPTOP THEFT

July 17th

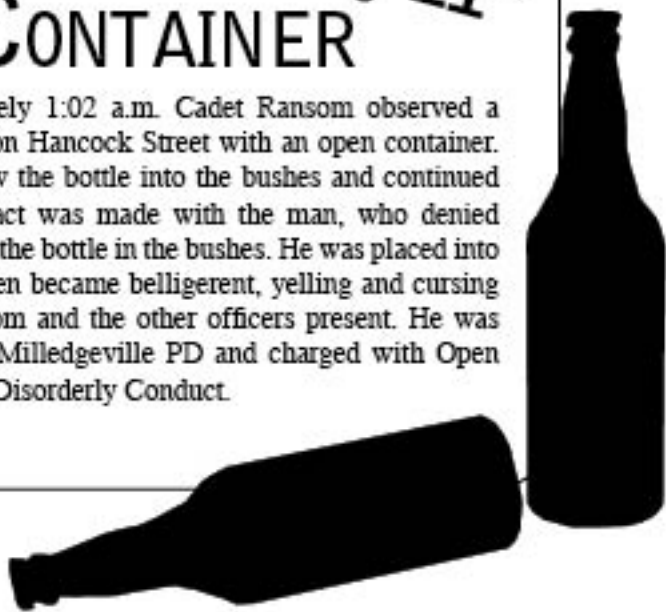


At approximately 10:41 p.m. a student reported that her laptop had been stolen from her residence at The Village. She reported that she had several acquaintances visiting her room earlier and suspected one person that was there. The case has been turned over to Investigations.

OPEN CONTAINER

July 11th

At approximately 1:02 a.m. Cadet Ransom observed a male walking on Hancock Street with an open container. The male threw the bottle into the bushes and continued walking. Contact was made with the man, who denied throwing away the bottle in the bushes. He was placed into custody and then became belligerent, yelling and cursing at Cadet Ransom and the other officers present. He was transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with Open Container and Disorderly Conduct.



SUCKER PUNCHED

July 10th

At approximately 1:28 p.m. a male reported that he was "sucker punched" under his eye when he was at The Brick. He was advised to gather witnesses and seek a magistrate to press charges.



GRAPHICS BY MATT CHAMBERS

WEATHER FORECAST

FRI
8/7



93
HIGH

73
LOW

SAT
8/8



95
HIGH

73
LOW

SUN
8/9



93
HIGH

74
LOW

MON
8/10



94
HIGH

74
LOW

TUE
8/11



91
HIGH

72
LOW

WED
8/12



88
HIGH

72
LOW

THU
8/13



90
HIGH

72
LOW



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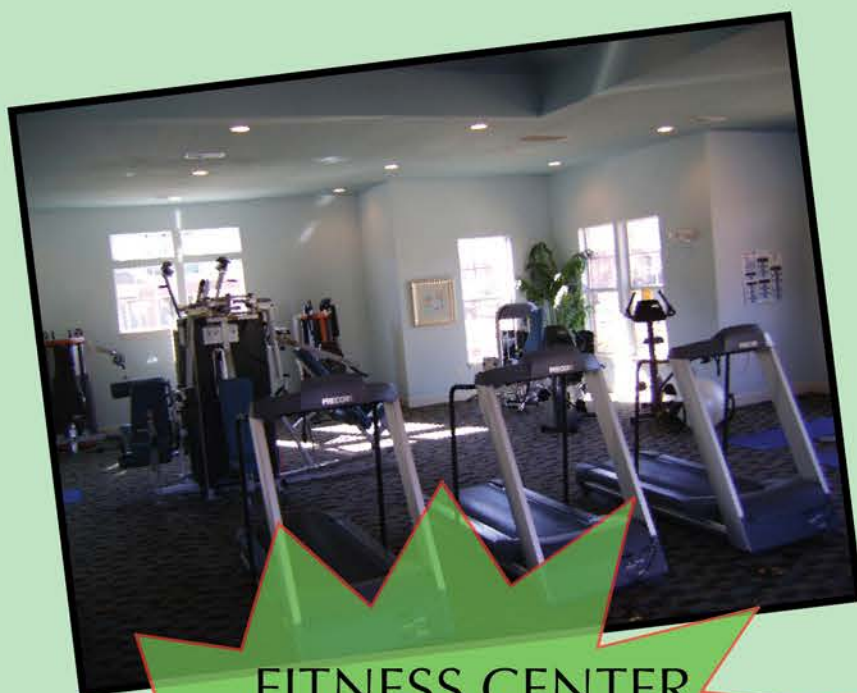
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